

1 IN THE CLAIMS

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5 Please amend the claims as follows:
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8 {MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS}
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10 --1. (AMENDED) An apparatus for applying eyeliner to the lashbed

11 [lashline] of the eyelids [eyes], said apparatus comprising:

12 a handle having a grip end and an attachment end;

13 a ferrule having a first end and a second end; and

14 a tuft of bristles, said bristles forming [having] a
15 root end and a tip end of said tuft;

16 wherein said ferrule secures said handle to said root end of
17 said tuft;

18 wherein said first end of said ferrule is attached to said
19 attachment end;

20 wherein said root end is attached at said second end of said
21 ferrule; [and]

22 wherein said tuft has a pre-determined cross-section defined
23 by a width and a thickness; and

24 wherein said bristles are aligned such that said bristles in

1 a direction along said width form a generally curved shape, such
2 that said tuft at said tip end is curved.

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4 3. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [2] 1, wherein
5 said plurality of bristles have substantially the same lengths.
6 [which vary approximately such that said tuft is thicker at said
7 root portion than at said tip portion.]

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9 5. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [4] 1, wherein
10 said [latitudinal axis] width is greater than or equal to twice
11 said [longitudinal axis] thickness.

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13 6. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [4] 1, wherein
14 said predetermined cross-section is semi-elliptical.

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16 7. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
17 said handle is tapered.

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19 8. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
20 said handle is constructed from a metal.

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22 13. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
23 said handle is constructed from wood.

1 14. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
2 said handle is constructed from plastic.

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4 15. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
5 said handle is constructed from bamboo.

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7 16. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
8 said ferrule is constructed from a metal.

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10 21. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
11 said ferrule is constructed from plastic.

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13 22. (AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein
14 said bristles comprise fibrous strands.

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16 26. (AMENDED) A method of applying cosmetic to the lashbed of
17 the eyelids using the apparatus according to claim 1 [for the
18 application of eyeliner to a lashline of an eye], wherein said
19 method comprises the steps of:

20 applying [eyeliner] cosmetic to said tip end of said
21 tuft;

22 firmly positioning said tip end sequentially on a
23 plurality of locations on said lashbed [lashline]
24 such that said generally curved shape of said tip

1 end meets the skin of said lashbed; and
2 moving said tip end in a side-to-side [back and forth]
3 motion on each said location [locations until
4 said] such that said cosmetic [eyeliner] is
5 applied to said lashbed [lashline] between, above
6 and/or below individual lashes at said location.--

{CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS}

--1. An apparatus for applying eyeliner to the lashbed of the eyelids, said apparatus comprising:

a handle having a grip end and an attachment end;

a ferrule having a first end and a second end; and

a tuft of bristles, said bristles forming a root end

and a tip end of said tuft;

wherein said ferrule secures said handle to said root end of said tuft;

wherein said first end of said ferrule is attached to said attachment end;

wherein said root end is attached at said second end of said ferrule;

wherein said tuft has a pre-determined cross-section defined by a width and a thickness; and

wherein said bristles are aligned such that said bristles in a direction along said width form a generally curved shape, such that said tuft at said tip end is curved.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of bristles have substantially the same lengths.

5. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said width is greater than or equal to twice said thickness.

1 6. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
2 predetermined cross-section is semi-elliptical.
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4 7. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is
5 tapered.
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7 8. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is
8 constructed from a metal.
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10 13. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is
11 constructed from wood.
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13 14. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is
14 constructed from plastic.
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16 15. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is
17 constructed from bamboo.
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19 16. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ferrule is
20 constructed from a metal.
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22 21. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ferrule is
23 constructed from plastic.
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2 comprise fibrous strands.

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4 26. A method of applying cosmetic to the lashbed of the eyelids
5 using the apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said method
6 comprises the steps of:

7 applying cosmetic to said tip end of said
8 tuft;

9 firmly positioning said tip end sequentially on a

10 plurality of locations on said lashbed such that
11 said generally curved shape of said tip end meets
12 the skin of said lashbed; and

13 moving said tip end in a side-to-side motion on each
14 said location such that said cosmetic is applied
15 to said lashbed between, above and/or below
16 individual lashes at said location.---

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18 IN THE DRAWINGS

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20 Please insert new Figure 5. No new matter has been added.
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